

ALLETE INC  
Form 4  
May 20, 2005

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**VIZANKO JAMES K**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET**

(Street)

**DULUTH, MN 55802**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**ALLETE INC [ALE]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**05/19/2005**

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

Senior VP & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/19/2005		M	20,655 A	\$ 29.79	28,272.65	D
Common Stock	05/19/2005		S	20,655 D	\$ 45.82	7,617.65	D
Common Stock					5,355.08 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By RSOP Trust

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 29.79 (2)	05/19/2005		M	20,655 (2)	(3) 01/02/2012	Common Stock	20,655

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VIZANKO JAMES K 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET DULUTH, MN 55802			Senior VP & CFO	

## Signatures

Ingrid K. Johnson for James K.  
Vizanko 05/20/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan (RSOP) and is based on RSOP plan information available as of April 30, 2005.

(2) This option was previously reported as covering 23,959 shares at an exercise price of \$25.68 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split and the spin off of ALLETE's subsidiary, ADESA, Inc., on September 20, 2004.

(3) The option vested 50% on January 2, 2003 and 50% on January 2, 2004.

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